

favoring disbandment. That evening the People's Party of the Provo Precinct met at the Court House



UNITED STATES SENATOR W. H. KING

and formally disbanded. The chairman of the meeting was William H. King, a young lawyer of ability, who was later to become a prominent Democrat and an influential United States Senator.

The Liberals of the precinct met ten days later to consider disbandment. Two sets of resolutions were offered, one by Dr. A. J. Shores favoring such action, and another by Judge J. D. Jones opposing it. Jones's resolution prevailed by a small majority. When the result of the vote was stated, George Sutherland announced himself a Republican.

Three tickets were nominated for the county and Territorial election held in August—Democratic, Republican, and Liberal. On the Democratic and Republican tickets were former members of both of the local parties. The Democrats gained a decisive victory, and the Liberals had a much smaller vote than in 1890.

At the city election in 1892 there was a further reduction of Liberal votes. The votes cast for Mayor were as follows: W. N. Dusenberry, Democrat, 499; Reed Smoot, Republican, 420; Henry W. Davis, Liberal, 35. The Democrats elected their entire ticket except three Councilmen—two from the Third ward and one from the Fourth. It was the first time that Reed Smoot appeared prominently in politics. He was later to become United States Senator and chairman of the Senate finance committee.

The election was the last in Provo at which Liberal votes were cast. There were few, if any, who did not rejoice that the old days of bitterness were over. For a time there was a tendency to go to extremes in the new party alignments. The majority had had no experience in national party politics and some were inclined to bring to bear the tense feelings of the old struggle. Such prominent ecclesiastical



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